How to Book United Polaris Business Class With MileagePlus Miles

Booking United Polaris business class with MileagePlus miles is one of the best value redemptions in the program — and +1 (855) 235-0484 is the direct line to check availability and book this high-value award. With United's transatlantic Polaris cash fares at elevated levels in 2026, the effective value of Polaris Saver Awards has increased significantly. Polaris features lie-flat beds with direct aisle access on wide-body aircraft, Polaris Lounge access at key airports, and a premium dining experience — a product that competes favorably with international business class on Lufthansa, Air Canada, British Airways, and other carriers. Getting a Polaris award requires early booking and specific search strategies. For complex multi-leg itineraries: +1 (855) 321-3507.

United Polaris Award Booking — Key Facts
Book at 330 days before departure for best Saver space on peak routes
Saver Award: typically 60,000-70,000 miles one-way transatlantic
Polaris routes: Newark, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles to Europe
Polaris Lounges: Newark, Chicago O'Hare, San Francisco, Los Angeles
Lie-flat beds with direct aisle access on most wide-body aircraft
Check Polaris award availability: +1 (855) 235-0484
Complex international Polaris itinerary: +1 (855) 321-3507

United Polaris Award Booking Strategy

1 **Mark your calendar 330 days before target dates**
United releases award inventory at 330 days before departure. For peak summer and holiday Polaris awards, this is when Saver space first appears — calling on or shortly after this date gives you first access.

2 **Call +1-855-235-0484 at the 330-day mark rather than booking online**
For Polaris awards, calling produces more complete search results than the website. Agents can search across all available Polaris inventory, confirm specific seat configurations, and build complete routings.

3 **Check multiple departure dates and times**
Polaris Saver space varies significantly by departure date. A date one or two days before or after your first preference sometimes has Saver space when the preferred date does not. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 to search across a 2-week window for the best Saver availability.

4 **Know your mileage balance before calling**
Confirm you have sufficient miles in your MileagePlus account before calling. If you are short, check whether points from Chase, Citi, or other transfer partners can top up your balance before the call.

5 **Have your transfer partners ready if needed: +1 (855) 321-3507**
If a transfer from Chase Ultimate Rewards or other partners is needed to complete the award, initiate the transfer before calling — transfers typically take 24 to 48 hours and cannot be initiated after you find award space.

United's Polaris Aircraft and Route Network

Route Type	Aircraft	Polaris Config	Notes
Transatlantic (EWR/ORD/IAD to Europe)	Boeing 767-300ER, 777, 787	Lie-flat, direct aisle access	Best Polaris product
Transpacific (LAX/SFO/ORD to Asia)	Boeing 777, 787-9	Lie-flat, direct aisle access	Strong Polaris product
Domestic long-haul Polaris-equivalent	Boeing 767, 757	2-2 United First	Not true Polaris product

Note: United Polaris (lie-flat business class) is available on international wide-body flights. United First on domestic routes uses a different, non-lie-flat configuration. When booking a

Polaris award, confirm the aircraft type to ensure you are getting the lie-flat Polaris experience. Call +1.855.235.0484 to confirm aircraft type for your specific flight.

Polaris Award Value in 2026's Elevated Fare Environment

United Polaris cash fares on transatlantic routes are elevated in 2026 due to strong premium cabin demand. Polaris Saver Award mileage has not increased proportionally to cash fares — each Polaris Saver Award mile redemption represents a higher dollar value savings than in prior lower-fare years. This makes 2026 a particularly favorable time to redeem MileagePlus miles for Polaris business class on transatlantic routes. Passengers who have been accumulating miles for a future business class trip should prioritize booking soon, before cash fares moderate or Saver Award inventory becomes further constrained. Call 1-855-235-0484 to compare current Polaris cash fares against current Saver Award mileage for your route.

Polaris Lounge Access With Award Tickets

United Polaris award tickets include Polaris Lounge access at airports where United operates Polaris Lounges — currently Newark Terminal C, Chicago O'Hare Terminal 1, San Francisco Terminal G, Los Angeles Bradley West Terminal, and Houston Bush Intercontinental Terminal E. For passengers departing from these airports, Polaris Lounge access on award tickets is a significant added value — the lounges offer full dining, premium bar service, and shower suites. Check-in as early as you prefer at the Polaris check-in area and proceed to the Polaris Lounge for your pre-flight experience. Award ticket Polaris Lounge access is confirmed at check-in; call +1 (855) 235-0484 with any specific questions about lounge access for your award itinerary.

Partner Polaris-Equivalent Awards: An Alternative Path

When United Polaris Saver Award space is depleted on your preferred dates, Star Alliance partner airlines offer alternative business class products bookable with MileagePlus miles. Lufthansa Business Class, Swiss Business, Austrian Business, Air Canada Business, and Singapore Airlines Business are all bookable through MileagePlus on qualifying routes. The mileage cost and availability for these partner awards varies from United's own Polaris pricing. On some partner flights and dates, business class award space exists when United Polaris Saver space does not. Call +1 (855) 321-3507 for partner airline business class award

availability when United Polaris space is not available on your preferred dates.

United Polaris vs Competitor Business Class: What Award Travelers Should Know

United Polaris business class on long-haul transatlantic and transpacific routes has been consistently rated among the better U.S. carrier international business class products. The core product features — lie-flat beds with direct aisle access on most wide-body aircraft, Saks Fifth Avenue bedding collaboration, Polaris-specific dining service, and Polaris Lounge access at key airports — compete favorably with comparable products from Delta One, American Business Class, and most European carrier business class options.

The areas where Polaris has received mixed feedback from experienced travelers include soft product consistency (service quality can vary significantly by crew and route) and food quality (generally acceptable but not at the level of Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, or some Middle Eastern carriers). For MileagePlus members evaluating whether to use miles for Polaris versus a partner airline business class product (Lufthansa, Swiss, Air Canada, Singapore, ANA), the hardware comparison generally favors Polaris or is competitive, while soft product comparisons may favor specific partner products on specific routes. Call +1 (855) 321-3507 for partner alternative research on your specific transatlantic or transpacific route.

Additional Context for MileagePlus Members

United's Polaris hard product has received significant investment since its 2016 launch and subsequent refinements. The most notable hardware feature is the seat's lie-flat configuration with direct aisle access for every seat — no passenger needs to climb over a neighbor to reach the aisle, which is particularly valuable for overnight transatlantic flights where getting up without disturbing others matters. The seat also includes a privacy partition that can be raised for additional separation from the adjacent seat. Comparing Polaris specifically to British Airways Club World and Air France Business Class, which have alternating forward and backward-facing configurations with some indirect aisle access on some configurations, Polaris's universal direct aisle access is considered a product advantage by most experienced premium cabin travelers. Call +1 (855) 321-3507 for guidance on the best Polaris award routing for your specific transatlantic travel.

The Bottom Line for MileagePlus Members

United Polaris Lounge amenities provide context for the total transatlantic Polaris experience beyond the flight itself. The Polaris Lounge at Newark Terminal C — United's primary transatlantic hub — offers hot food service (not just snacks), a full bar, shower suites for freshening up before overnight flights, and a quiet environment distinct from the general United Club lounges. For passengers transiting through Newark with a Polaris award, arriving 2 to 3 hours before departure and spending time in the Polaris Lounge is a meaningful part of the overall experience. Polaris Lounge access is included with Polaris (international business class) award tickets — confirm access with the agent at +1 (855) 235-0484 when booking your Polaris award.

United's investment in Polaris has extended to the new Boeing 787-10 aircraft configuration, which entered United's transatlantic fleet in the 2022-2024 timeframe. The 787-10 Polaris configuration features the same lie-flat direct aisle access product as older wide-body aircraft but benefits from the newer Boeing 787 Dreamliner cabin features: lower cabin altitude (6,000 feet equivalent vs. 8,000 feet on older aircraft), higher humidity, and larger windows — all factors that contribute to reduced traveler fatigue on overnight transatlantic flights. When booking a Polaris award and comparing departure options, noting which flights operate on 787 versus older 767 aircraft can be a meaningful secondary consideration. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 to confirm the aircraft type for your preferred departure.

United's Polaris service improvements since the program's 2016 launch have addressed some early criticisms, particularly around bedding and dining. The collaboration with Saks Fifth Avenue for bedding and pillow products has provided a premium bedding experience that reviews favorably against competitor business class offerings. Polaris dining on long-haul transatlantic and transpacific routes features pre-order options available through the United app before departure, allowing Polaris passengers to select their preferred meal before the flight and ensure availability of their top choice. These service elements combine with the hardware product to create a comprehensive Polaris experience that represents strong award value at Saver pricing. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 for current Polaris Saver availability on your transatlantic route.

For passengers who have never flown United Polaris and want to experience the product before committing significant miles to a long-haul Polaris award, short transatlantic routes offer a lower mileage entry point. Some United routes to the Caribbean and shorter

transatlantic routes to Eastern Canada or South America use wide-body aircraft with the Polaris product at lower mileage requirements than full transatlantic routes. Experiencing Polaris on a shorter route gives you a sense of the product before committing to a full transatlantic award. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 to check Polaris availability on shorter international routes from your departure city.

Frequently Asked Questions

How many miles does United Polaris transatlantic require?

Polaris Saver Awards for transatlantic routes typically require 60,000 to 70,000 miles one-way under United's dynamic pricing system. The exact amount varies by specific route and date. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 for the current Saver mileage for your specific route and travel dates.

Can I book a United Polaris award for two passengers together?

Yes — Polaris awards for two passengers require finding adjacent Saver seat availability, which is more constrained than single-seat availability. Early booking improves the chances of finding two adjacent Saver seats. Call +1-855-235-0484 for two-passenger Polaris award availability.

Is United Polaris available on all international routes?

Polaris is available on United's wide-body international routes. Narrow-body international routes (typically shorter international flights) use a different aircraft configuration. Confirm the aircraft type for your specific international route. Call +1.855.235.0484 to verify Polaris availability on your route.

What is the difference between Polaris and United First on domestic routes?

United First on domestic routes is a 2-2 recliner seat — not the lie-flat Polaris product. United Polaris (lie-flat) is available on wide-body international flights. If you want the Polaris lie-flat experience, book an international wide-body route. Call 1-855-235-0484.

Can I use Polaris Lounge even with a Polaris award ticket in coach?

Polaris Lounge access is provided with Polaris (business class) award tickets for the Polaris cabin. Economy award tickets do not include Polaris Lounge access regardless of MileagePlus status. Call +1 (855) 235-0484 to confirm lounge access for your specific award ticket.

What happens to my Polaris award if the aircraft is changed to a smaller plane?

Equipment changes that eliminate the Polaris product give you the option to rebook on an aircraft with Polaris or receive a refund of your miles and taxes. Call +1-855-235-0484 immediately if an equipment change affects your Polaris award booking.

Are there blackout dates for United Polaris Saver Awards?

MileagePlus does not use formal blackout dates — awards are subject to inventory availability rather than date restrictions. However, peak periods have very limited Saver inventory, which produces the practical equivalent of scarcity on the highest-demand dates. Call +1 (855) 321-3507 for peak-date Polaris availability.

Polaris Saver Awards are the best value in MileagePlus — book at 330 days for peak dates. +1 (855) 235-0484 to check availability. Multi-leg or complex Polaris itinerary: +1 (855) 321-3507.

Award pricing is dynamic and changes with availability. Confirm current mileage requirements before booking. Based on MileagePlus program as of August 2026.